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R<sup>1</sup>COOH (2)

wherein R<sup>1</sup> denotes

a hydrogen atom,

an optionally substituted alkyl group,

an optionally substituted aryl group, or

an optionally substituted hetero ring, and

an organic base to a solution of a carboxylic acid activating agent of formula (3);

(R<sup>2</sup>)<sub>p</sub> Y(O)<sub>n</sub>X (3)

wherein R<sup>2</sup> denotes

an optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbyl group,

an optionally substituted aromatic hydrocarbyl,

an optionally substituted chain or cyclic alkoxy group, or

an optionally substituted aryloxy group,

Y denotes

a carbon atom, a phosphorus atom, or a sulfur atom,

X denotes

a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom, an iodine atom, a cyano group or a group of formula:

(R<sup>2</sup>)<sub>p</sub> Y(O)<sub>n</sub>O-,

wherein R<sup>2</sup> is the same as defined above,

n and p are an integer of 1 or 2; and

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when Y is a carbon atom, n=1 and p=1,

when Y is a phosphorous atom, n=1 and p=2, and

when Y is sulfur atom, n=2 and p=1 and R<sup>2</sup> denotes an optionally substituted alkyl or aryl group.

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